

# COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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**HB 2112 – Chapter 47 – weights; measures; false statement; penalty**

Stipulates that a person or a person's agent who knowingly files with DWM any notice, statement or other document that is false or that contains any misstatement of fact is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

**HB 2125 – Chapter 86 – air quality forecasting; nonattainment areas**

Requires DEQ to develop and distribute air quality dust forecasts for the Maricopa County PM-10 nonattainment or maintenance area as well as any other nonattainment or maintenance areas designated from and after December 31, 2011.

**HB 2128 – Chapter 132 [E] – weights; measures; vapor recovery systems**

Requires DWM, in consultation with DEQ, the EPA and the state fire marshal to establish, by rule, standards for decommissioning stage II vapor recovery systems at gasoline dispensing facilities on or after October 1, 2016, but no later than September 30, 2018. Clarifies compliance timeframes and testing requirements for gasoline dispensing facilities with mandated stage I vapor recovery systems. Exempts retail gasoline stations from the stage II requirements of this Act if the construction of the station begins after the effective date of this Act. Stipulates that all stage II vapor recovery systems and testing must remain in place until the systems are decommissioned pursuant to this Act. Repeals the stage II vapor recovery system requirements on October 1, 2018.

**HB 2226 – Chapter 89 – vehicle emissions inspection program**

Makes various changes to the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program and clarifies statutory vehicle emissions testing requirements for vehicles registering in the Phoenix or Tucson metropolitan areas. Permits the director of DEQ to adopt rules to require testing of vehicles that are out of state at the time of registration within a reasonable period of time after the vehicle returns to the state; exempt cranes and oversized vehicles from emissions inspection; and exempt vehicles from emissions inspections that are not in use and that are owned by residents who are active military personnel on assignment outside of Arizona. Includes a conditional enactment stating that the proposed modifications to the testing protocols of the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program are not effective unless the EPA approves the modifications as part of the state implementation plan by July 1, 2017.

**HB 2303 – Chapter 55 – permits or tags; transfer, veterans**

Permits G&F to prescribe the manner and conditions of transferring a license or permit to a qualified organization for use by a veteran of the Armed Forces of the US who has a service-connected disability. Expands the definition of *qualified organization* to include a nonprofit organization that affords opportunities and experiences to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

**HB 2343 – Chapter 207 – \*wildfire prevention; state trust land**

Requires the state land commissioner, in coordination with the state forester, to establish a program for the removal of vegetative natural products by January 1, 2016 for the purpose of fire suppression and forest management on state lands and provides a sunset date for the program of July 1, 2024.

**HB 2403 – Chapter 264 – \*property; valuation; renewable energy; equipment**

Provides the method for determining the depreciated cost of renewable energy equipment. Stipulates that the assessed value of a leased portion of real property that qualifies under certain requirements outlined in the Act is the greater of the total lease payments collected by the real property owner during the TY or the assessed value of the leased property if it were classified as Class two property.

**HB 2442 – Chapter 267 – air quality; begin actual construction**

Amends the definition of *begin actual construction* to include the initiation of a change in the method of operation of an emissions unit. Repeals the conditional enactment in Laws 2010, Chapter 315, Section 4 that states revisions are contingent upon EPA approval.

**HB 2580 – Chapter 99 – alternative fuel vehicles; registration; inspection**

Requires alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) to undergo an emissions test in the sixth registration year, rather than the fourth registration year. Removes the fee in lieu of testing option for AFVs before the fourth registration year of a new or leased vehicle. Removes the requirement that fleet vehicles undergo inspection every year and allows the director of DEQ to adopt rules for the purpose of testing fleet vehicles.

**HB 2624 – Chapter 273 [E] – Yarnell Hill memorial; appropriation**

Establishes the Yarnell Hill Memorial State Park (Memorial), the Yarnell Hill Memorial Site Board (Board) and the Yarnell Hill Memorial Fund (Fund). Requires the Board to determine whether to establish a Memorial dedicated to the members of the Granite Mountain Hotshot Crew who lost their lives fighting the Yarnell Hill Fire and, if it is determined that the site should be memorialized, the Board must establish the Memorial and approve the design and construction. Stipulates the Fund will consist of monies and any donations to be used for the purpose of purchasing land, maintaining and preserving the Memorial and access road.

**SB 1214 – Chapter 243 – natural resource conservation district; expertise**

Asserts that the state recognizes the special expertise of natural resource conservation districts in the fields of land, soil, water and natural resources management within the district's boundaries.

**SB 1274 – Chapter 115 – aquifer protection permits; post-closure procedure**

Provides closure cost estimate and financial responsibility reporting requirements related to Aquifer Protection Permits (APP). Requires a permittee to update the closure cost estimate for the duration of the permit on a periodic basis but not more frequently than once every five years. Requires an applicant or permittee to demonstrate financial responsibility to cover the estimated closure costs and, if necessary, to conduct post-closure monitoring and maintenance by providing the director of DEQ a financial assurance mechanism prescribed in rule or federal regulations. Requires the permittee to maintain and periodically demonstrate financial responsibility for the duration of the individual permit and to report to the director of DEQ that the financial assurance mechanism is being maintained as scheduled in the permit, but not more frequently than once every two years.

**SB 1282 – Chapter 277 [LIV] – racing omnibus**

Makes various changes to state racing laws. Permits commercial live-racing permittees in Arizona to conduct advance deposit wagering (ADW) on live or simulcast racing through ADW providers, approved by the Arizona Racing Commission, using a telephone. Requires ADW providers to pay source market fees on wagers placed on in-state horse races to in-state horse racing permittees and pay source market fees on dog racing wagers from counties where the live or simulcast racing is conducted to the dog racing permittee in that county. Requires ADR to make available to the public a list of all racing-related injuries to, and deaths of, animals and maintain records regarding the injuries incurred by dogs that were used for racing. Specifies that this Act does not authorize the state to opt in to any federal law, rule or regulation that allows legalized online gaming or to approve or enter into any framework that allows legalized online gaming.

**SB 1292 – Chapter 117 – Arizona resource advisory council**

Establishes the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. Provides that the Legislature establish the council to advise BLM and other federal land management agencies on the planning and management of federal land resources, except for rangeland resources, in Arizona.

**SB 1484 – Chapter 8 – tax credit; manufacturers; renewable energy**

Creates a corporate and individual tax credit for investment in new renewable energy resources if the power will be used primarily for manufacturing and specifies that the credit is capped at \$1 million per year for five years for each renewable energy facility. Requires the taxpayer to invest at least \$300 million in new renewable energy facilities that produce energy using renewable resources and stipulates that at least 90% of the energy produced at each renewable energy facility will be self-consumed in the state and used primarily for manufacturing, to qualify for the tax credit.